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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3617

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 26262

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXPLANATION OF VIETNAMESE SUSPICION OF ASEAN

REF: BANGKOK 24465

1. DURING COURSE OF A COURTESY CALL ON CHARGE SEPTEMBER 21, ABDULLAH ZAWAWI, NEWLY-ARRIVED MINISTER MALAYSIAN EMBASSY, MENTIONED THAT RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT HAD WITHIN THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS DISCUSSED WITH THAI OFFICIAL PROBLEMS HANOI AND VIENTIANE WERE HAVING WITH THE ASEAN CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH, RUSSIAN HAD SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THE WORD "FREEDOM" WAS A STUMBLING BLOCK WHICH PREVENTED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FROM ACCEPTING THE CONCEPT AND THAT HE HAD IMPLIED THAT IF SOME OTHER WORD COULD BE SUBSTITUTED, HANOI MIGHT BE ABLE TO RETREAT FROM THE NEGATIVE POSITION THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO HAD ADOPTED TOWARD ZOPFN AT COLOMBO. THAI HAD IMMEDIATELY INFORMED MALAYSIANS (AND PRESUMABLY THE OTHER ASEAN MISSIONS) OF THIS APPROACH.

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2. WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCE OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT IT

HAD BEEN A WEST EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT, CHARGE TOLD ABDULLAH THAT  
THE SAME THOUGHT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED TO US (REFTEL). OTHER  
THAN TO AGREE THAT ROSES BY ANY OTHER NAME REMAINED SWEET  
SMELLING AND PRICKLY, SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED FURTHER.  
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